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**Q:** Who had big ears, weighed seven thousand pounds, and married a handsome prince?

**A:** Cinderelephant.

**Q:** What did the ringmaster say when the human cannonball was shot out of the circus tent?

**A:** "That's going too far!"

**Q:** Why do trained seals always know what's happening?

**A:** Because they're on the ball.

**Q:** What do you call the trained seal when she claps her flippers?

**A:** The seal of approval.

**Q:** How do you catch a fairy?

**A:** Grab its fairy tale.

**Show me** a cowboy on a giraffe—

**And I'll show you** someone who is riding high.

**Q:** When were clocks invented?

**A:** Once upon a time.

**Q:** What do you get when the tall man substitutes for the human cannonball?

**A:** A long shot.

**Show me** a bumblebee ringing your doorbell—

**And I'll show you** a humdinger.

**Q:** What race could neither the tortoise nor the hare enter?

**A:** The human race.

**Show me** a pig in a Porsche—

**And I'll show you** a road hog.

**Q:** Why couldn't the strong man lift Alexander Graham Bell?

**A:** Because he could only lift dumbbells.

**Q:** What do tightrope-walking bears do in the winter?

**A:** Go into high-bear-nation.

**Q:** Who does the ringmaster call when someone tries to steal the show?

**A:** Acro-batman.

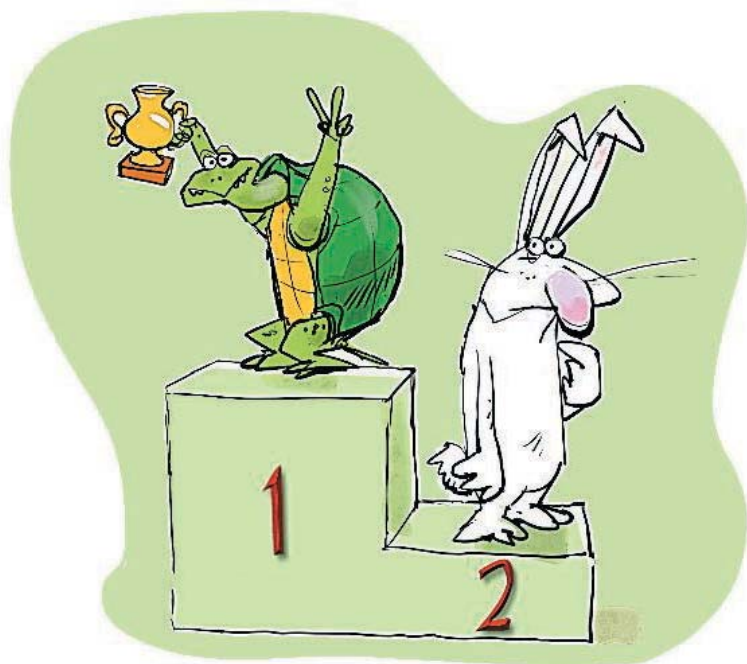
**Show me** a giant—  
**And I'll show you** someone to look up to.

**Q:** What do you call the dancing poodle  
when the elephant sits on him?

**A:** The underdog.

**Q:** Did the tortoise win the race by a long  
distance?

**A:** No, he won by a hare.





**Q:** How do you fix a flat pumpkin?

**A:** With a pumpkin patch.

**Show me** a girl who rides sunbeams—

**And I'll show you** a girl who travels  
light.

**Q:** How long was Cinderella's glass  
slipper?

**A:** One foot long.



**Q:** Why did the ugly stepsister slap the glass slipper?

**A:** Because the slipper pinched her.

**Show me** a mamma flea—

**And I'll show you** a woman who's afraid that her children are going to the dogs.

**Q:** Why does the ringmaster like to have an artist at the circus?

**A:** Because an artist can draw crowds.

**Q:** What do you get when you cross the Frog Prince with Cinderella's footman?

**A:** Foot Prince.

**Show me** a flaming arrow—

**And I'll show you** a fire fly.

**Q:** What killed the lion tamer?

**A:** Cat-nip.



**Q:** How did the elves stay awake to make shoes all night?

**A:** They used sole-r energy.

**Show me** spiders living in your shoes—

**And I'll show you** webbed feet.

**Clown:** Don't you trust that cat?

**Lion Tamer:** No, she's a cheetah.

**Mutt:** I used to own a flea circus.

**Jeff:** What happened?

**Mutt:** All my performers went to the dogs.

**Q:** How do you call a leopard?

**A:** "Here Spot!"

**Q:** What fairy tale tells of a pretty girl who was ordered to clean house for a hundred years?

**A:** Sweeping Beauty.



**Q:** Why are giraffes so tall?

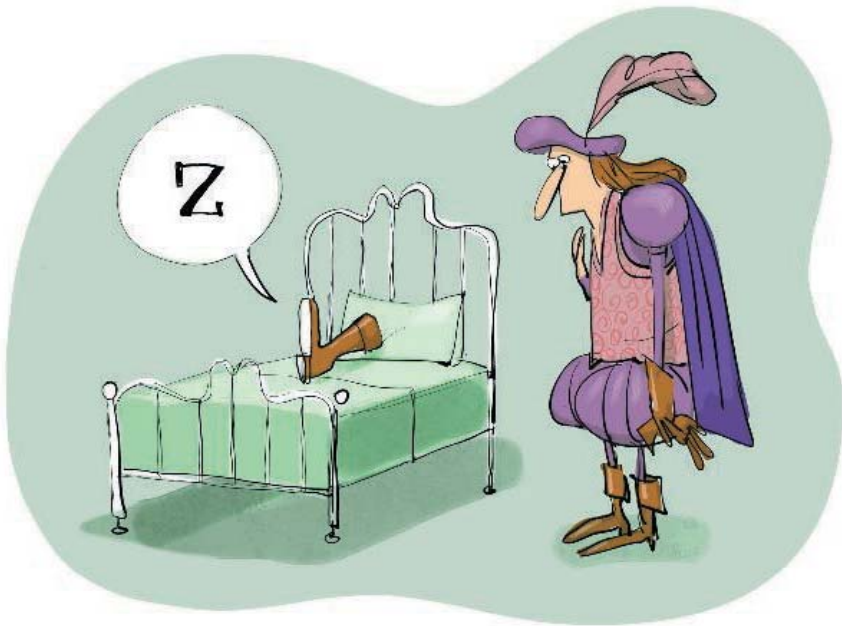
**A:** So they can sing high notes.

**Q:** Why do circus monkeys know everyone's secrets?

**A:** They hear them through the ape-vine.

**Q:** What do you get when you put a mousetrap in a cannon?

**A:** A snapshot.



**Q:** What fairy tale does your foot dream about when it falls asleep?

**A:** Sleeping Bootee.

**Q:** What wakes up a dragon in the morning?

**A:** The fire alarm.

**Q:** Why do clowns have flat feet?

**A:** Because they walk too close to the elephants.

**Q:** What's a pig's favorite fairy tale?

**A:** Slopping Beauty.

**Leo:** I heard the elephant trainer died from love.

**Cleo:** Yes, his elephant had a crush on him.

**Q:** Who is the loveliest lamb in all the fairy tales?

**A:** Sheeping Beauty.

**Show me** a sneezing dragon—

**And I'll show you** a blowtorch.

**Q:** Why do circuses have trained horses?

**A:** Because they're the mane attraction.

**Q:** Why did Sleeping Beauty sleep for a hundred years?

**A:** Because her alarm clock was broken.

**Q:** How do dragons weigh themselves?

**A:** On their scales.

**Q:** Why do ponies make poor ringmasters?

**A:** Because you can't shout if you're a little horse.

**Q:** Why didn't the princess sleep well on top of twenty mattresses?

**A:** Would you sleep well if you could fall that far when you rolled out of bed?

**Q:** Why did the queen decide to put a pea under the mattresses?

**A:** Because she was a peanut.

**Show me** King Kong coming out of a cannon—

**And I'll show you** a big shot.

**Q:** Why did the gorilla eat a banana skin?

**A:** Because it's appealing.

**Q:** How did Rapunzel become queen?

**A:** She was hair to the throne.

**Show me** King Kong playing cards with the Jolly Green Giant—

**And I'll show you** a big deal.

**Q:** Why did the elves make all right shoes?

**A:** Because they didn't want to make all wrong shoes.



**Q:** What happened when Puss-in-Boots went to sea?

**A:** He became Puss-in-Boats.

**Q:** And what happened when a shark got him?

**A:** He became Puss-in-Bits.

**Q:** Why doesn't the lion eat the clown?

**A:** Because the lion would get a funny feeling in his stomach.





**Q:** Why shouldn't knights wear chain mail to fight a dragon?

**A:** Because dragons are chain smokers.

**Show me** a lamb playing a tuba—

**And I'll show you** a bighorn sheep.

**Q:** What happened when the circus lions got loose?

**A:** A cat-astrophe.

**Q:** Why couldn't Tom Thumb play the piano?

**A:** Because he couldn't do the fingering.

**Q:** Why did the prince climb Rapunzel's hair?

**A:** Because the elevator was broken.

**Show me** Dracula's boat—

**And I'll show you** a blood vessel.

**Q:** Why did the lion eat the tightrope walker?

**A:** He wanted a well-balanced meal.

**Q:** What did the lion-tamer do when a giant cockroach swallowed her lion?

**A:** She let the cat out of the bug.

**Q:** Why was Rapunzel mad at the witch?

**A:** Because the witch kept getting in her hair.

**Show me** a house that has grown legs and started racing off down the street—

**And I'll show you** a home run.

**Q:** Why was the witch mad at Hansel and Gretel?

**A:** Because they were eating her out of house and home.

**Q:** Why was the human cannonball fired?

**A:** She was acting like a big shot.



**Show me** a messy pirate drinking grape juice—

**And I'll show you** Bluebeard.

**Q:** Why was Little Red Riding Hood suspicious when she saw the wolf's big nose?

**A:** Because she knew that something smelled.

**Q:** What time of year are most trapeze artists hurt?

**A:** In the fall.



**Show me** a bald giant—  
**And I'll show you** a big wig.

**Q:** Why didn't the Three Billy Goats Gruff  
want to pay at the Troll Bridge?

**A:** Because it cost an arm and a leg.

**Show me** the skeleton of a genie—  
**And I'll show you** a wishbone.

**Q:** Who did the fire-eater date?

**A:** An old flame.

**Q:** What do you get when you cross Little Red Riding Hood with a bird?

**A:** Robin Hood.

**Q:** Why did the fire-eater marry the stick lady?

**A:** Because they made a perfect match.

**Show me** a banquet for skeletons—

**And I'll show you** spareribs.

**Q:** What does a fire-eater eat with his soup?

**A:** Firecrackers.

**Show me** Dracula's safety deposit box—

**And I'll show you** a blood bank.

**Ringmaster:** I hear the fire-eater's sick.  
What's wrong?

**Clown:** She has heartburn.

**Q:** What do dragons do on their birthdays?

**A:** Light the candles and the cake and the presents . . .

**Circus Manager:** Have you ever been a sword-swallower before?

**Job Applicant:** No, but I'm willing to take a stab at it.

**Q:** What dragon disappeared into thin air?

**A:** "Poof, the Magic Dragon."

**Q:** Why is it so difficult to get a job as a sword-swallower?

**A:** Because of the cutthroat competition.

**Q:** How do dragons swim?

**A:** They do the heatstroke.

**Show me** a pencil that itches—

**And I'll show you** scratch paper.

**Q:** Why was the knife thrower angry?

**A:** The sword-swallower ate his act.

**Show me** King Kong's unicycle—

**And I'll show you** a big wheel.





**Q:** How do dentists fix dragons' teeth?

**A:** With a fire drill.

**Q:** What do dragons eat with their soup?

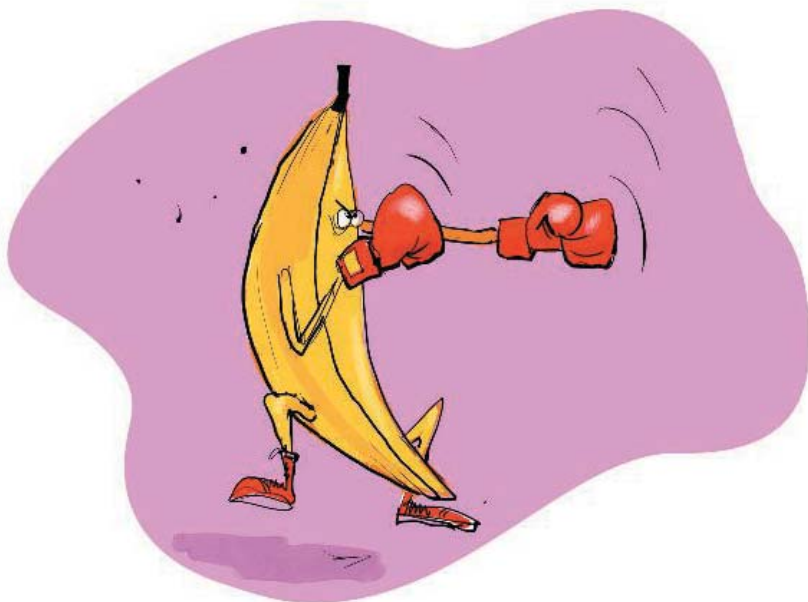
**A:** Firecrackers.

**Q:** What do sword-swallowers eat for lunch?

**A:** Cold cuts.

**Show me** a boxing banana—

**And I'll show you** fruit punch.



**Q:** Why are boring speeches like dragons?

**A:** Because boring speeches drag on and on and on . . .

**Show me** a herd of cows that plays the trombone—

**And I'll show you** longhorn cattle.

**Q:** What do you get when a dragon jumps into the ocean?

**A:** A heat wave.

**Q:** What does the glass-swallower eat when she's on a diet?

**A:** Lightbulbs.

**Q:** What happens to a knight when a dragon breathes on him?

**A:** He ig-knights.

**Q:** What does the glass-swallower eat when he craves seafood?

**A:** Fishbowls.

**Q:** Where do knights buy armor?

**A:** At a hard-wear store.

**Q:** What happened when the glass-swallower ate the window?

**A:** She got a pane in her stomach.

**Show me** a store owned by primates—

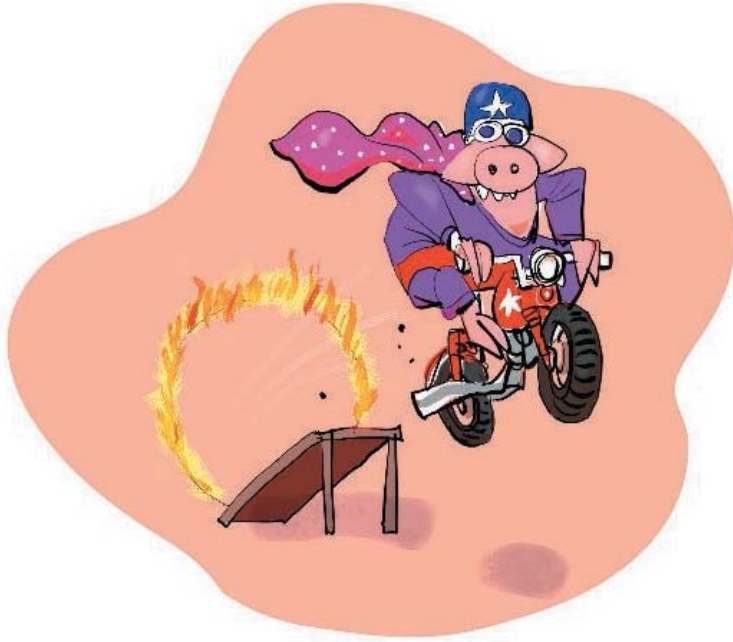
**And I'll show you** monkey business.

**Q:** Who are the two most well-respected people in the circus?

**A:** The tall man, whom everyone looks up to, and the sword-swallower, who's a cut above the rest.

**Q:** When do dragons stop eating?

**A:** Mid-knight.



**Q:** What do you call a pig who does death-defying feats?

**A:** A dare-deviled ham.

**Q:** What do you call a baby knight?

**A:** A knight crawler.

**Q:** Why are people more interested in seeing a two-headed man than a one-headed man?

**A:** Because two heads are better than one.



**Q:** What dragon ran around with Robin Hood?

**A:** Fire Tuck.

**Q:** What do you get when you cross a knight with a clown?

**A:** A court joust.

**Q:** Who is in charge of a marionette circus?

**A:** The stringmaster.

**Q:** What kind of knight sings when the wind is blowing hard?

**A:** A knight-in-gale.

**Q:** Why is the tightrope nervous?

**A:** Because it's high strung.

**Q:** Why were the Billy Goats Gruff able to fool the troll?

**A:** Because hungry trolls will swallow anything.

**Q:** Where do acrobats learn to walk the tightrope?

**A:** At high school.

**Q:** When do most knights get hurt?

**A:** At knight-fall.

**Q:** What do you call the King of Acrobats?

**A:** Your Highness.

**Q:** How do knights see in the dark?

**A:** They use knight lights.

**Q:** What do you call a spoiled tightrope walker?

**A:** An acro-brat.

**Q:** Why don't acrobats like to get off the trapeze?

**A:** Because they feel let down.

**Q:** What did Jack's beanstalk grow?

**A:** Climb-a beans.

**Q:** What has black-and-white stripes and can swing on a trapeze?

**A:** A chimpan-zebra.

**Q:** What kind of locks won't keep people out of your house?

**A:** Goldilocks.



**Q:** What do you call trapeze artists who would rather eat than perform?

**A:** Snack-robats.

**Q:** How do snack-robats season their food?

**A:** With somer-salt.

**Q:** Where did the giant want to cook Jack?

**A:** In a jackpot.



**Q:** Why didn't the three bears eat their porridge?

**A:** Because they didn't have any mushroom.

**Q:** Which circus performers can see in the dark?

**A:** The acrobats.

**Q:** What attracts knights in shining armor even more than fair maidens?

**A:** Magnets.



**Q:** Why did the Baby Bear's chair break when Goldilocks sat on it?

**A:** Because it couldn't bear her weight.

**Q:** Why is the contortionist well liked?

**A:** Because she'll bend over backward for you.

**Q:** What did the first little pig say when the Big Bad Wolf blew down his house?

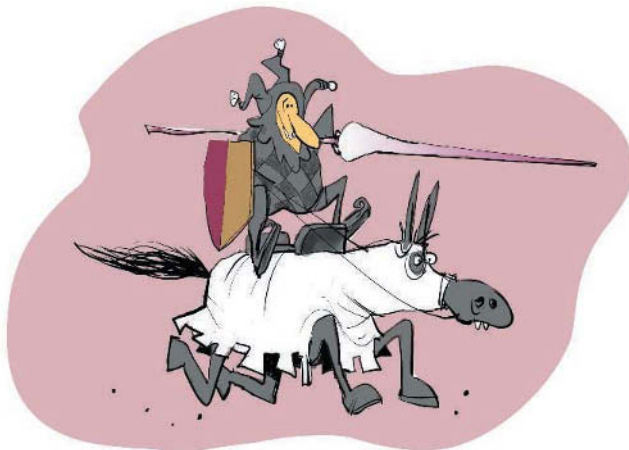
**A:** "That's the last straw!"

**Q:** Why did the tightrope walker take a duck with him?

**A:** So he could get down.

**Q:** Why did the Big Bad Wolf try to blow down the little pig's house?

**A:** Because he didn't have enough dynamite to blow it up.



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